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1. The airfield is on the northern town border of Uman (30°13' E/48°44' N), Ukrainian SSR, and had a SE NW dimension of about 2½ km. (For details see Annex). The field is an old military installation and presumably had a runway which was illuminated at night.

2. South of the airfield, east of the road, were 3 three-story barracks buildings each about 20 x 30 meters. The northern one was occupied by air force personnel, the two other under reconstruction.

1. In the Fall of 1947 the following aircraft were stationed at the airfield:

a. Single-engine type Il-2 ground attack aircraft (in-line engine, three-bladed propeller, low-wing monoplane, elliptical wings, landing gear retracting outward, one machine gun in each wing, one machine gun projecting from the rear of the cockpit). Individual flights and formations flying with up to about 45 planes were seen.

b. Single-engine fighters fitted with radial engines, 3-bladed propeller, retractable landing gear, low-wing monoplane, wings slightly in dihedral, tail wheel visible. Individual flights and formation flying with up to 30 planes were seen.

c. Twin-engine planes

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4. The Uman airfield north of the town was about 1 1/2 x 2 km in size and had two concrete runways and five about 80x35-meter hangars.
5. Six officers' dwelling blocks, four-story 35x15-meter buildings, were south of the field, an ammunition dump and an underground fuel dump were to the west. The airfield had lighting facilities.
6. At least 80 to 100 fighters and trainers were stationed at the field.
7. At least one or two heavy and two or three light AAA batteries were also seen.

Comment:

a. This is the first post-war report on the previously known Uman airfield which is an up-to-date installation with concrete runway and a circular taxiway.

b. Further information is required to determine whether this airfield is occupied by fighter or fighter-bomber units or by a pilot school for fighter or ground attack pilots. The field appears suitable for occupation by jet fighters.

1 Annex: Uman Airfield.

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